

SO3/603 TED STATES EXCHANGE COMMISSION gton, D.C. 20549

03002196

# ANNUAL AUDITED REPORT FORM X-17A-5 PART III

VF3-5-03

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0123 Expires: October 31, 2004 Estimated average burden

hours per response.... 12.00

SEC FILE NUMBER

8-50041

#### **FACING PAGE**

Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BI	EGINNING	January 1, 2002	AND ENDING_	December 31, 2002
		MM/DD/YY		MM/DD/YY
	A. RI	GISTRANT IDENTIF	ICATION	Let A the State of Care of
NAME OF BROKER-DEA	LER: While curities, LLC	mann Investm	nto ll	OFFICIAL USE ONLY  FIRM LD NO.
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLA	ACE OF BUSINE	SS: (Do not use P.O. Box N	lo.)	RECEIVED
	141 West	Jackson Boulevard. S	uite 1320 A	
		(No. and Street)		MAR 0 3 2003
Chicago		<u>IL</u>	60604-000	
(City)	•	(State)	(Zip Code)	~ \\ 208_gg)\\
NAME AND TELEPHONE NU	MBER OF PERSO	ON TO CONTACT IN REC	GARD TO THIS REP	ORT
James D. Baer			312-64	8-2224
			(Area Code	e - Telephone Number)
	B. AC	COUNTANT IDENTII	FICATION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACC	OUNTANT whos	e opinion is contained in th	is Report*	
McGladrey & Pullen, L	LP			
integration to 1 directly 2		Name - if individual, state last, first, mi	ddle name)	
		•		
30 South Wacker Dr.	Chicago	Illinois		60606
(Address)	(City)	(State)	(	Zip Code)
CHECK ONE:  Certified Public A	ccountant		<i>y</i>	1.
Public Accountant Accountant not res		ates or any of its possession	ns.	AR 2 0 2003
				THOMSON
	I	OR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	,	FINANCIAL

MAR 1 9 2003

<sup>\*</sup> Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

#### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, James D. Baer, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Uhlmann Price Securities, LLC, as of December, 31 2002, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified soley as that of a customer, except as follows: NONE.

OFFICIAL SEAL
TARA L.P. ZILINSKAS
Notary Public, State of Illinois
My Commission Expires 11/23/2006

Signature

MANAGING MEMBER

Title

<u> Java S. P. Zelinskas</u> Notary Public

This report \*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

<u> </u>	(a) racing page.
X	(b) Statement of Financial Condition.
	(c) Statement of Income (Loss).
	(d) Statement of Cash Flows.
	(e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
	(f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
	(g) Computation of Net Capital
	(h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
	(i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
	(j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the
	Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
	(k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of con-
	solidation.
$\boxtimes$	(l) An Oath or Affirmation.
	(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
	(n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.
	(o) Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control

<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

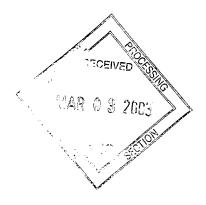
# McGladrey & Pullen

**Certified Public Accountants** 

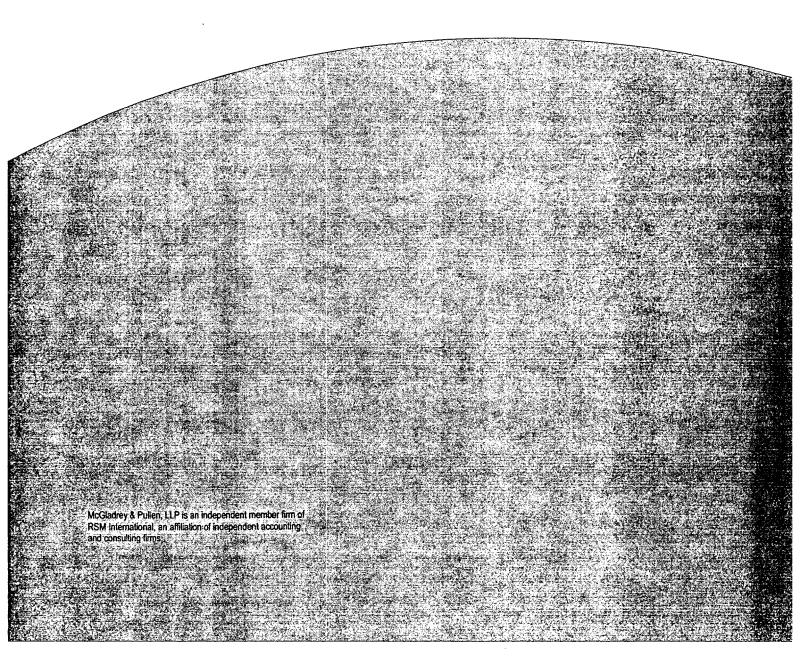
### **Uhlmann Price Securities, L.L.C.**

(Formerly Uhlmann Investments, L.L.C.)

Statement of Financial Condition Report December 31, 2002



Filed as public information pursuant to rule 17a-5(d) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.



#### CONTENTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT	1
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
Statement of financial condition	2
Notes to statement of financial condition	3 – 5

## McGladrey & Pullen

Certified Public Accountants

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members Uhlmann Price Securities, L.L.C. Chicago, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Uhlmann Price Securities, L.L.C. (formerly Uhlmann Investments, L.L.C.) as of December 31, 2002, that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the statement of financial condition based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Uhlmann Price Securities, L.L.C. as of December 31, 2002, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

McGladrey of Pullen, LCP

Chicago, Illinois February 4, 2003

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION December 31, 2002

#### **ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 85,867
Receivable from broker-dealers	99,355
Securities owned, not readily marketable, at estimated fair value	20,000
Equipment, at cost (net of accumulated depreciation of \$4,141)	1,196
Total assets	\$ 206,418
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' CAPITAL	
Liabilities	
Commissions payable	\$ 5,351
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	25,179
Total liabilities	30,530
Members' Capital	175,888
Total liabilities and members' capital	\$ 206,418

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the statement of financial condition.

#### NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

#### Note 1. Nature of Business and Significant Accounting Policies

Uhlmann Price Securities, L.L.C. (formally known as Uhlmann Investments, L.L.C.) (the Company), a limited liability company, was organized in the state of Illinois on February 19, 1997 and will terminate on December 31, 2043. The Company is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. The Company introduces its customers to clearing brokers on a fully disclosed basis.

The Company operates under the provisions of Paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and, accordingly, is exempt from the remaining provisions of that rule. Essentially, the requirements of Paragraph (k)(2)(ii) provide that the Company clear all transactions on behalf of customers on a fully disclosed basis with a clearing broker-dealer, and promptly transmit all customer funds and securities to the clearing broker-dealer. The clearing broker-dealer carries all of the accounts of the customers and maintains and preserves all related books and records as are customarily kept by a clearing broker-dealer.

The following is a summary of the Company's significant accounting policies:

<u>Use of estimates</u>: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

<u>Cash equivalents</u>: Cash equivalents are defined as certificates of deposit and U.S. government obligations with a maturity date when acquired by the Company of less than 90 days and those securities registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 which are comprised of cash and other short-term debt instruments which are commonly referred to as "money market funds."

<u>Securities owned, not readily marketable</u>: Securities not readily marketable include investment securities (a) for which there is no market on a securities exchange or no independent publicly quoted market, (b) that cannot be publicly offered or sold unless registration has been effected under the Securities Act of 1933, or (c) that cannot be offered or sold because of other arrangements, restrictions or conditions applicable to the securities or to the issuer or company.

Equity securities which are not readily marketable are recorded at cost until significant events indicate cost is no longer appropriate and then are carried at their estimated fair values. Such securities have been valued based upon other market sources which are believed to provide a reasonable value for such investments.

<u>Fair value of financial instruments</u>: All financial instruments are carried at amounts that approximate estimated fair value.

<u>Income taxes</u>: As a limited liability company, the Company is not subject to federal or state income taxes. The members' respective shares of the Company's income or loss are reportable on their separate federal and state income tax returns.

#### NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

#### Note 2. Lease Commitments

Quotation Services Lease – Minimum annual rentals under noncancelable lease for quotation services which expires January 2004, exclusive of additional payments which may be required for certain increases in operating and maintenance costs, are \$15,000 for 2003 and \$1,500 for 2004. This agreement became effective January 2002.

Occupancy Lease – The Company leases office space pursuant to a verbal agreement on a month-to-month basis.

#### Note 3. Operating Agreement

Pursuant to the Company's third amended and restated operating agreement dated December 31, 2001, in the event of a deadlock, as defined in the agreement, disputing members will have the right to compel opposing members to sell their membership units according to certain terms or to buy the disputing members' units under the same terms. In addition, Company members selling a majority of the Company units to a third party shall have the right to compel other Company members to sell their membership units to the same third party.

The agreement also states that during every fiscal year profits and losses are to be allocated to each member's capital account as determined by a meeting of the members and stated in the minutes to that meeting. Any remaining profits are to be allocated on the basis of the members' ownership percentages. If the members do not meet to determine the allocation, the profit or loss shall be allocated in proportion to the members' ownership percentages.

#### Note 4. Purchase Agreement

Pursuant to terms of a purchase agreement dated December 31, 2001, 51% of the Company's membership interest was sold to two new members (Purchasers). According to terms of the agreement, the Purchasers shall have the right for a period of 24 months to acquire an additional 30% of the Company's membership interest. In addition, if the Purchasers elect to acquire any portion of the additional 30% interest, the Company will be required to pay an existing member or his spouse 10% of the Company's net profits for a period of three (3) years after the effective date of the acquisition. After the three (3) year period expires, the Company will be required to pay 5% of the net profits to the member or his spouse until the death of both. Other terms and conditions are contained therein.

#### Note 5. Net Capital Requirements

The Company is a broker-dealer subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule (rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. Rule 15c3-1 also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At December 31, 2002, the Company had net capital of \$153,093, which was \$103,093 in excess of its required net capital of \$50,000. At December 31, 2002, the Company's net capital ratio was 0.20 to 1.

#### NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

#### Note 6. Financial Instruments with Off-Balance-Sheet Risk and Concentration of Credit Risk

Securities transactions of customers are introduced to and cleared through clearing brokers. Under the terms of its clearing agreements, the Company is required to guarantee the performance of its customers in meeting contracted obligations. In conjunction with the clearing brokers, the Company seeks to control the risks associated with its customer activities by requiring customers to maintain collateral in compliance with various regulatory and internal guidelines. Compliance with the various guidelines is monitored daily and, pursuant to such guidelines, the customers may be required to deposit additional collateral or reduce positions when necessary.

Securities owned may be used as collateral by the clearing brokers for amounts owed to such clearing brokers.

In the normal course of business, the Company is contingently liable to its clearing brokers for margin or cash deposit requirements of customer securities transactions, as well as the failure of delivery of securities sold or payment for securities purchased by a customer.

The clearing and depository operations for the Company's security transactions are performed by its clearing brokers pursuant to a clearance agreement. At December 31, 2002, \$75,000 is reflected on the statement of financial condition as a clearing deposit held with its clearing brokers, which are members of a nationally recognized exchange. Additional terms of the agreement required the Company to maintain a minimum coverage on its broker's blanket bond of \$100,000. The Company is also subject to a monthly minimum revenue requirement of \$5,000. The Company is prohibited from entering into similar agreements without prior written approval from the clearing broker-dealer. The agreement may be terminated by either party with 90 days prior written notification. However, if the Company terminates the agreement during the initial term, the Company will be subject to a termination fee. In addition, if the Company terminates this agreement at any time, it will be liable for expenses incurred by the clearing broker-dealer in connection with transferring, converting or closing the accounts held at the clearing broker-dealer. The Company consistently monitors the credit worthiness of the clearing brokers to mitigate the Company's exposure to credit risk.

The Company does not anticipate nonperformance by clients or counterparties in the preceding situations. If either a customer or a counterparty fails to perform, the Company may be required to discharge the obligation of the nonperforming party and, in such circumstances, the Company may sustain a loss. The Company has a policy of reviewing, as considered necessary, the credit standing of each counterparty with which it conducts business.